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7008122001REMARKS

The Assignee respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the present application in light of the following remarks.

The Examiner disagreed with the Assignee's arguments stating that "Dricks teaches managing relationships between users such as 'Daemon servers as an interface to personal desktop facility by channeling any communications to or from the user . . . ' (abstract and column 3 lines 16-28). Furthermore, the Daemon server determines what operations are permissible based on the .sec files (column 7 lines 29-31, 43-57)." Final Office Action at p. 2. The Examiner's reasons, however, fail to explain how the .sec file is used in Dricks to manage relationships between clients with respect to the digital facility. Simply because a Daemon server of Dricks is an interface to a personal desktop facility does not in any way teach or suggest that the system in Dricks manages relationships between clients via the electronic communication medium with respect to the digital facility based on the profiles of the clients.

In addition, the fact that Daemon server determines what operations are permissible based on the .sec file only teaches that with respect to a user whose .sec file is examined, the Daemon server determines the permissible operations. It does not teach or suggest that the Daemon server manages relationships between clients with respect to a digital facility based on .sec file.

In fact, the information contained in the .sec files is not useful for managing relationships between clients, as it includes information specific to desktop content of individual users, and it does not include any information relating to user relationships.

Dricks fails to teach or suggest managing relationships between clients via the electronic communication medium with respect to the digital facility based on the profiles of the clients. Thus, the combination of the references that the Examiner relies on does not teach or suggest the present invention as claimed.

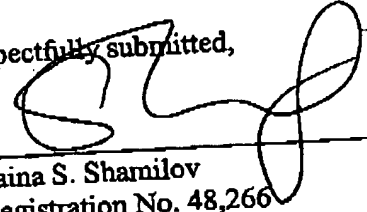
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The Assignee would like to schedule an interview with the Examiner to discuss the present application. The Assignee understands that the Examiner is out of the office until June 30, 2005. The Assignee respectfully requests the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney at the number below upon the Examiner's return to the office. The Assignee also asks that the attorney docket number be updated from 11040/002001 to reflect Bingham McCutchen's docket number, which is: EPI-027 US (7008122001)

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